

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
MO09050

VIOLATOR:
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about June 16, 2009, February 19, 2009, November 19, 2008, June 24, 2008, and February 28, 2008, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations 9 CFR, Section:

2.40(b)(2) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care... DIRECT... repeated failure to establish and maintain programs of veterinarian care that use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

2.75 (a)(1)(vi) Records: Dealers and Exhibitors... failure to make, keep and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the official USDA tag number or tattoo assigned to the animals.

3.1 (a) Housing Facilities, General... repeated failure to design and construct housing facilities for dogs so they are structurally sound and kept in good repair to protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely and restrict other animals from entering.

3.1(c)(1) Housing Facilities, General... repeated failure to construct and maintain surfaces of housing facilities in a manner and make of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled.

3.1(c)(1)(i) Housing Facilities, General... repeated failure to maintain surfaces free of rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization, or that affects the structural strength of the surface.

3.1 (c)(3) Housing Facilities, General... repeated failure to spot-clean daily and sanitize once every two weeks.

3.1(f) Housing Facilities, Drainage and Waste Disposal... repeated failure to provide for regular and frequent collection, removal, and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding debris, garbage, water, and other fluids and wastes, and dead animals, in a manner that minimizes contamination and disease risk. Facilities must be equipped with disposal facilities and drainage systems that are constructed and operated so that animal waste are rapidly eliminated and animals stay dry.

3.4(b) Outdoor Housing Facilities, Shelter from the elements... repeated failure to provide shelter structures that are accessible to each animal in each outdoor facility, and that are large enough to allow each animal in the shelter structure to sit, stand, and lie in a normal manner, and to turn freely. In addition to the shelter structures, one or more separate outside areas of shade must be provided, large enough to contain all the animals at one time and protect them from the direct rays of the sun.

3.4(c) Outdoor Housing Facilities... repeated failures to maintain surfaces that come into contact with animals impervious to moisture. All surfaces must be maintained on a regular basis. Surfaces of outdoor housing facilities that cannot be readily cleaned and sanitized, must be replaced when worn or soiled.

3.6(a)(2)(i) Primary Enclosures... repeated failure to construct and maintain primary enclosures so that they have no sharp points or edges that could injure the animals.

3.6(a)(2)(iii) Primary Enclosures... repeated failure to construct and maintain primary enclosures so that they have no sharp points or edges, protect the animal from injury and contain the animals securely.

3.6(a)(2)(xii) Primary Enclosures... repeated failure to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn about freely, to stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable, normal position, and to walk in a normal manner.

3.9(b) Feeding... repeated failure to use food receptacles that are made of durable material that can be readily cleaned and sanitized, or are disposable.

3.10 Watering... repeated failure to keep water receptacles clean and sanitized.

3.11(a) Cleaning, Sanitization, Housekeeping, Pest Control... repeated failure to remove excreta from primary enclosures daily and from under primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent an excessive accumulation.

3.11(c) Cleaning, Sanitization, Housekeeping, and Pest Control ... repeated failure to keep housing facilities, including buildings and surrounding grounds clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. Premises must be kept clean free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter.

3.11(d) Cleaning, Sanitization, Housekeeping, and Pest Control ... failure to maintain an effective program for the control of insects, external parasites affecting dogs, and birds and mammals that are pests so as to promote the health and well being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in the box below.

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